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SUBJECT: MIDDLE EAST IN SECURITY COUNCIL AND VISIT OF
FONMIN ZAYYAT TO AUSTRIA.

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1. SUMMARY: IN ORDER TO ASSESS CURRENT AUSTRIAN POSITION
WITH REGARD TO SC DEBATE ON ME AS RESULT OF RECENT ZAYYAT
VISIT, CHARGE TODAY MET WITH FONMIN KIRSCHLAEGER AND POLCOUN
AGAIN TALKED WITH AMBASSADOR STEINER. ACCORDING TO KIRSCHLAEGER,
ZAYYAT REQUESTED GOA SUPPORT FOR NON-ALIGNED RESOLUTION WHICH
HAS EFFECT OF REINTERPRETING RES. 242. AUSTRIANS GAVE
ZAYYAT NON-COMMITTAL ANSWER BUT ARE NOW, IN CONSULTATION
WITH AMBASSADOR JANKOVITSCH, WEIGHING POSSIBLE SUPPORT FOR
NON-ALIGNED RESOLUTION. END SUMMARY.

2. ZAYYAT TOLD AUSTRIANS THAT GROUP OF NON-ALIGNED DELGATIONS
IN NEW YORK, HEADED BY YUGOSLAVS, ARE WORKING ON NEW RESOLUTION
BASED UPON RES. 242. ALTHOUGH RESOLUTION WOULD CALL FOR
NEW JARRING MISSION BASED UPON PREVIOUS JARRING MEMO AND
EGYPTIAN REPLY, ZAYYAT MAINTAINED RES. 242 "WOULD STAND AND
MUST BE IMPLEMENTED." IN THIS CONNECTION, AUSTRIANS RECEIVED
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IMPRESSION THAT ZAYYAT WOULD DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO AVOID

U.S. VETO, BUT WOULD NOT ACCEPT SC MEETING POSTPONEMENT.
ZAYYAT ALSO TOLD AUSTRIANS THAT, WHILE SYG VISIT TO AREA WOULD
BE WELCOME, IT COULD NOT TAKE PLACE OF ANOTHER JARRING MISSION.

3. ZAYYAT URGED GOA TO SUPPORT RESOLUTION WHICH HE SEES AS
ONLY FEASIBLE SOLUTION AT PRESENT TIME. IN REPLY TO
KIRSCHLAEGER OBSERVATION THAT EGYPT WOULD BE FOOLISH TO
BEGIN A WAR WHICH THEY WOULD CERTAINLY LOSE, ZAYYAT
AGREED, AND POINTED OUT THAT IF DIPLOMATIC SOLUTION CANNOT
BE FOUND IN UNITED NATIONS, EMOTIONAL DESIRE IN EGYPT FOR
MILITARY ACTION AGAINST ISRAEL WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE TO CONTROL.
"IT WOULD NOT," SAID ZAYYAT, "BE THE FIRST TIME IN HISTORY
THAT A NATIONAL HAS BEEN SO STUPID AS TO LAUNCH A WAR WHICH IT
WOULD CERTAINLY LOSE."

4. WITH RESPECT TO POSSIBILITY OF AUSTRIAN SUPPORT FOR NON-
ALIGNED RESOLUTION, AUSTRIANS WERE NON-COMMITTAL, SAYING THAT
THEY WOULD HAVE TO SEE TEXT OF DRAFT RESOLUTION BEFORE MAKING
ANY DECISION. KIRSCHLAEGER AND HIS ADVISORS, IN CONSULTATION
WITH AMBASSADOR JANKOVITSCH IN NEW YORK, ARE CURRENTLY DIS-
CUSSING FUTURE COURSE OF ACTION IN SC DEBATE ON ME.

5. AUSTRIANS WERE IMPRESSED BY ZAYYAT'S GOOD FAITH AND
APPARENTLY SINCERE DESIRE TO FIND SOLUTION AGREEABLE TO ALL
PARTIES. TO KIRSCHLAEGER IT WAS OBVIOUS THAT ZAYYAT IS
PLACING HIS CAREER ON THE LINE AND THEREFORE WILL DO HIS
UTMOST TO REACH A SOLUTION ACCEPTABLE TO ALL CONCERNED.

6. COMMENT: DESPITE AMBASSADOR STEINER'S PERSONAL OPINION
THAT GOA WOULD NOT VOTE FOR ANY RESOLUTION WHICH WOULD HAVE
THE EFFECT OF REINTERPRETING RES. 242, THERE IS GOOD POSSIBILITY
THAT GOA WILL IN FACT GO ALONG WITH NON-ALIGNED. THEIR
DECISION WILL, HOWEVER, TAKE FULLY INTO ACCOUNT ASSURANCES BY
CHARGE AND POLCOUN OF VIGOROUS U.S. RESISTENCE TO ANY
REINTERPRETATION OF RES. 242. INCIDENTALLY, EVERYTHING
AUSTRIANS RELAYED TO US FROM ZAYYAT WOULD TEND TO CONFIRM
ASSESSMENT CONTAINED IN USUN 2530.MOWINCKEL

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